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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, National Intelligence Council  
FROM: National Intelligence Officer for Strategic Programs  
SUBJECT: "Contingency" Topics

Items on the 20 November list, under NIO/SP auspices (pages 26-30), should be deferred until early 1982.

- NFAC and community resources that would participate in formulation papers on these topics are now heavily involved in production of NIEs 11-3/8-81 and 11-12-82 (these Estimates, themselves, will address some aspects of the NIO/SP-proposed "contingencies").
- The compilation of a list of Soviet technological "spectaculars", which you have requested, has been staffed out to OSWR for action. This could lead to an "inside" paper on technological breakthroughs.

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